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KISSINGER WITH "MUNICH PLOT"

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE PRC RESTRICTED-CIRCULATION DAILY
REFERENCE NEWS GAVE FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO A KYODO STORY ON
VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-KUEI'S REMARK TO A JAPANESE DELEGA-
TION THAT FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD "WANTED TO
MANUFACTURE A MUNICH PLOT." END SUMMARY.

2. THE FEBRUARY 20 ISSUE OF THE PRC RESTRICTED-
CIRCULATION DAILY REFERENCE NEWS (TSAN-KAO HSIAO-HSI)
FRONTPAGED A KYODO STORY ON PRC VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-
KUEI'S MEETING WITH A JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION.
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ACCORDING TO THE KYODO ACCOUNT, CHI "STERNLY
CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S LINE (IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS)."
CHI TOLD THE DELEGATION THAT FORMER SECRETARY
KISSINGER HAD "WANTED TO MANUFACTURE A MUNICH PLOT"
AND THAT THE US "PLANS ULTIMATELY TO RUN AWAY FROM
EUROPE." CONSEQUENTLY, CHI CONCLUDED, THE CHINESE
ADVOCATE THAT EUROPE INCREASE ITS DEFENSE CAPABILITY

AND UP ITS TROOP STRENGTH.

3. CHI ALSO REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT THE US, IN BOMBING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BUT SPARING TOKYO AND OSAKA, HAD HOPED "TO ENSLAVE THE JAPANESE PEOPLE."

4. IN HIS CONVERSATION AS REPORTED CHI DID NOT TOUCH ON PERSONALITIES OR POLICIES OF THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

5. COMMENT: SUCH DERISIVE CANDOR ON THE PART OF RANKING CHINESE OFFICIALS TO VISITING DELEGATIONS IS RATHER UNUSUAL; FOR REFERENCE NEWS TO HIGHLIGHT IT, AND THUS AFFIRM THAT IT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE OFFICIAL LINE, IS ALL THE MORE UNUSUAL. WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTED THE IDENTIFICATION OF SUCH VIEWS WITH CHI TENG-KUEI, WHO TENDS TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE AND TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE OFFICIAL LINE.

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